Sl. No.	Name of Scheduled Employment	Centre/States/Union Territories	Minimum Wages Rates (Rs.) per day
		24. Nagaland	25.00
		25. Orissa	42.50
		26. Punjab	60.62 without meal
			54.07 with meal
		27. Rajasthan	32.00
		28. Tamil Nadu	29.00
		29. Tripura	35.00
		30. Uttar Pradesh	47.00
		31. West Bengal	48.14 with meal
			51.34 without meal
		32. Pondicherry	19.25 to 40.20

Office of the Protector of Emigrants

1594. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from the Government of Kerala to open an office of the Protector of Emigrants in Kozhikode; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the reduced outflow of workers to other countries for work because of various reasons as also the fact that two offices of Protectors of Emigrants are already functioning in the State of Kerala at Thiruvananthapuram and Cochin, it is not considered feasible to open an office of Protector of Emigrants in Kozhikode for the present.

Employment of Children in Dangerous Institutions

†1595. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether child labourers are being employed in industries and dangerous institutions in different States including Madhya Pradesh ignoring the Government rules and guidelines;

(b) if so, the numbers of child labourers found in dangerous industries and institutions during 1998-99 and the number of cases filed against employers of child labourers; and

(c) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) As per the 1991 census, the total number of working children in the country (including Madhya Pradesh) is 11.28 million. As per information received from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, a survey had been conducted in 1997, in 72,800 hazardous industries, in which 11,269 child labourers were identified and prosecutions were launched against 4529 offending employers.

In the year 1998-99, under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, 7,150 inspections have been carried out and prosecutions have been launched against 148 offending employers in the State.

(c) Does not arise.

Indian Labourers in Gulf Countries

1596. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of Indian workers in each Gulf country;

(b) whether Government are aware of their problems;

(c) if so, what are those problems;

(d) the steps taken to remove their problems; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) As per the available information approximate number of Indian workers in each of the Gulf countries are as under:—